

Chapter Constitution 1937 and after

- I. This Society is a constituent member of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and shall be known as the Alpha of Wyoming or as the University of Wyoming Chapter.
- II. The purpose of Beta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship, friendship, and cultural interests.
- III. The membership of the Chapter shall consist of members in course, alumni members (if any), members (if any), and associate members.
 1. Only those shall be elected to membership whose qualifications have been carefully investigated. With a view to maintaining the historic character of Phi Beta Kappa, members of the faculty on the Nominating Committee shall be chosen predominantly from teachers of liberal subjects.
 2. The members in course shall be elected primarily on the basis of broad cultural interests and scholarly achievements. The number of undergraduates elected from any class, including any who may be elected in their junior year, shall not exceed 15 per cent of those expected to receive liberal bachelor degrees in that class. Only those students whose work has been definitely liberal in character and purpose shall be eligible to election as members in course.
 3. The Chapter shall determine the courses or work which shall be considered liberal in character, that is, studies designed principally for a knowledge or understanding or appreciation of the natural and social world in which we live, as contrasted with training intended principally to develop skill or vocational techniques. The Chapter may take into consideration the results of such methods as honors work and comprehensive examinations and also the opinions of teachers and administrative officers concerning the character, capacity, scholarly achievements, breadth of interest, and general promise of each student under consideration.
 4. Graduates of the institution of not less than ten years' standing who, by contributions in the fields of the humane sciences and letters or by works of pure literature, have since graduation given clear evidence of the possession of distinguished scholarly capacities, may be elected to alumni membership. The number elected in any triennium should be strictly limited by the Chapter by-laws .
 5. Men and women, not graduates of the institution, who, by contributions in the fields of the humane sciences and letters or by works of pure literature, have given clear evidence of the possession of distinguished scholarly capacities, may be elected to honorary membership. No graduate of another institution having a chapter of Beta Kappa shall be so elected unless the consent of that chapter has been obtained. The number elected in any triennium should be strictly limited by the Chapter by-laws .
 6. Members of other chapters of Phi Kappa who become officers or members of the teaching staff of the institution shall thereby become associate members of the Chapter with full privileges in the conduct of its affairs. Other members of Phi Beta Kappa in the vicinity may be invited to any meeting of the Chapter.
 7. The Chapter may make further limitations or restrictions concerning any class of members other than associate.

8. Since good moral character is a qualification for membership, any member found, after being given due notice and an opportunity to be heard, to have lost this qualification may be expelled from Phi Beta Kappa by a four-fifths vote of the members present at a regular annual meeting of the Chapter.
 9. A citation of the qualifications of each person elected to alumni or honorary membership shall be entered upon the minutes and submitted for record to the Secretary of the United Chapters. A full report of all members elected, expelled, or recorded as having resigned or died shall be sent annually to the Secretary of the United Chapters.
- IV. This Chapter shall send a delegation to represent it at each meeting of the Council of Phi Beta Kappa and shall contribute its share to the financial support of the United Chapters.
 - V. This Chapter shall, by suitable by-laws, provide for the election of officers, the selection of members, the conduct of its meetings, and such other matters as may be deemed proper; provided that said by-laws shall contain nothing inconsistent with this Constitution or with the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Chapters, and provided further that said by-laws and any amendment thereto shall not become effective until approved by the Senate.
 - VI. This Constitution may be amended only by the Council of Phi Beta Kappa.